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"They thought they stamped us out, but they just got us all over their feet" - Charles Chisel

MANCHESTER AIRPORT

In mid-January this year the Secretary of State gave the go ahead for a second Runway at Manchester Airport despite years of opposition from local residents and environmental groups. Within a fortnight campaigners had moved in to occupy the Bollen Valley at one end of the route. This proposed runway - runway, the worst environmentally damaging project in the North West of England for decades, will cause the movement of more than twice as much land as was destroyed by the Newbury bypass with an even higher price to be paid by the planet as a whole. Air travel has been estimated to contribute between 3 - 35% of global warming while a study conducted in 1996 estimated that a single transatlantic return flight emits almost half the CO2 emissions as from all other sources (lighting, heating, car use, etc) consumed by an average person yearly. The unsustainable industry also makes possible the ludicrous policy of transporting food thousands of miles, not only increasing the high environmental costs associated with the consumption of large quantities of non-renewable fossil fuels but also increasing dependence on such crop monocultures in poor countries. The greatest need network around Manchester Airport will be unable to cope with the forecast increase in traffic - the M36 through Wythenshawe will have to handle 50,000 more vehicles per day - a third more than London's M25 already has to cope with. Taking action against the proposed second runway seems a logical extension of campaigning against the road programme with many of the same issues running their ugly heads - pollution for profit; the creation of a limited number of jobs whilst we destroy that on which we depend for life; the destruction of our communities in the name of 'progress'; the prioritisation of profits for a few over the interests of people and planet. With other airport developments proposed at Heathrow, Newcastle and in Birmingham the action being taken by Coalition Against Runway 2 at Manchester Airport could herald a new focus in the Earth First! movement. Despite the Airport being slow moving in the first few weeks of the camp, activists they are now seeking a permission order in conjunction with the project contractors, Amec and Tarmac. Several camps now occupy the land under the current permission order - Plymouth, Sir Cliff Richard GBE, The Camp of Many Names, Zion Tross, Wild Garlic and Jellyfishy - the latter being especially accessible to families who wish to take part in the protest. These occupy only a small part of the land to be taken up by the runway, there are

also historic buildings on route, due to be demolished soon. The next permission hearing for the cutting going takes place on the day of the Update camp to protest but is expected to be adjourned to allow time to hear the 30 or so affidavits which have been prepared by protesters. Despite the fact that threat of eviction is an entirely irrelevant issue at the site has been stopped up already with contractors constructing a razor wire fence around the protest site. This work comes complete with a heavy security presence, regular visits from riot police and gasmen and halogen lamps running all night to ensure that protesters are behaving



Compound Fracture

Approximately 25 arrests, mainly under anticipated trade union legislation, have been made to date following actions during fence construction and three protesters are currently on remand. Resistance to the project is also continuing off site with an appearance at the upcoming an Airport Tribunal of a sculpture entitled 'Shovel - The Science of Flight' (these people have no sense of irony), the idea of which was shattered by the news of a swimming plane emerging from a briefcase carried by one of the protesters. A number of events are in the pipeline for those interested in joining CAR 2 supporters in the green and pleasant Bollen Valley, the most important of these is the 'May The Fourth Be With U' weekendender on May 3-4/5 featuring a Rickman party on the Friday night, workshops on the Saturday, Maypole Day on the Sunday and an action on the Monday. If you've visited the site already you will know how beautiful it is - if you haven't then what are you waiting for? For further info or for details on setting up a support group in your own area contact Coalition Against Runway 2 on 0161 834 8221.

EVUCTION ALERT! POSSESSION ORDER NOT ADJOURNED. GET THERE!

STOP THE HAWKS

Four East Timorese refugees, a Catholic priest, Fr Arthur Fitzgerald, and those parishioners decided to celebrate Easter this year by opposing at British Aerospace's Watton plant as present at the sale of Hawk ground-attack aircraft to Indonesia. Saboteur and an assassin in the military are responsible for the genocide of the East Timorese people and the exploitation of their sandalwood forests and mineral resources, and have used the Hawks to suppress resistance. The Australian and Indonesian Governments have signed an illegal treaty which legitimises drilling for oil in the Timor Gap. There is also the question of West Papua, another island invaded by the Indonesians and which suffers from the atrocities of one of the largest mining multinationals in the world, Rio Tinto Zinc. Resistance erupted when the expansion of the Freemove mine was announced. The Amerasia tribe are demanding better compensation and an end to the pollution and destruction of their sacred lands.

"They are digging in our mother's breast, that is why we are resisting." The eight people arrested were supported by a further hundred people outside the main gate, with 50 or so going on to surround the police station at Lytham St Anne and sing songs until four people were released. It doesn't matter if you should just as we are free and kept alive by hope Our struggle's hard, but victory will restore our lands in our hands. The four Timorese, meanwhile, returned of Embassy occupiers in Indonesia, refused to give their names and were held overnight - they were released, without conditions, at a special Magistrate's hearing in Blackpool.

Two of the Timorese, Costa and Lopes, are part of the Liverpool Catholic Worker community (whose politics are a healthy mixture of radical catholicism, non-violence and respect for the earth), which came out of the war and acquired of the Seeds of Hope Ploughshares women. It is a very powerful statement for the values of British arms exports to return to the scene of the crime and try to hold British Aerospace and the British government responsible for their part in ending and ending the death of East Timorese life, ecology and culture.

Look out for a steady flow of court cases and resistance to the new 16 Hawk deal signed recently, and also against the sale of Alvis tanks and Givens-Wells armoured vehicles.

Contact Liverpool Catholic Worker 0151-264-8741 Stop the Hawks - No Arms to Indonesia 0161-834-8235 Action Coast Support Apud 0161-178, Lytham Magistrates BAs A.O.M. 0173-281-0297 (C.A.A.T.)

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NEWS IN BRIEF

New available - "ROAD RAGING" Top Tips for Working Road Builders! This book shares experience of NVDA against road building from Tynfield Down to Newbury and Farnham. This is not a collectible luxury book, but a practical, illustrated guide for action including ideas on setting up non-hierarchical groups from scratch, an open-access legal section, publicity, events, evictions, online actions, harassment, testing, street parties and more. Ideas could be applied to other major developments. Contact Rod Short (see contacts list)

Fetch EP! Made a page explaining GGP (Privacy Guard Privacy, some message encryption/decryption) and data security (http://www.ggp.org.uk/secure.html)

NatWest and the Times are jointly sponsoring a business ethics competition with the winners: "You're the MD of a company who must build a road and environmental protection is at jeopardy - there are clear signs that your AGM will be disrupted - what will your solution be?" First prize £2000

Incandescent mining in Wrexham and Balaclava will destroy a large area of land. The two villages have joined together to fight quarrying/steep descent company, Chonson Help needed. Contact Trinity Barn, Balaclava, Gwyn, GY15 6JK

RTS is running a greatest database - Send info to RTS London (see contacts sheet)

Cardigan Bay EP! are planning actions against Chonson. Call Cardigan EP! (see contacts sheet)

Cynhydion Yr Iaith in Aberystwyth has formed an action agent selling houses in Llanwnda. Wrexham were Epsom and protesters tried to get in. Violent scenes occurred as the English newspaper scratched a protester's cheek. Write to Penrith, Pen B. Aber

At the beginning of the month R.G. Balgale's house in Nottingham (over 1000 deep and open mines in the country) was visited and slogans were written saying "Who will you support for this?"

On May 9th another RTT AGM will take place. If you want to go please share this available from: **Isangale's Freedom Movement** (UK) PO Box 9184, Burton, Leics. LE19 7ZB. Tel 01773 978 8214. Campaign pack also available

Activists are planning to plant trees in the Harwood House, north of Lough. The plan has emerged as Yorkshire TV is going to rebuild the set of Enchanted Farm in greenish land in the grounds of St. House. The trees will be filled with money (£5-20) to encourage visitors to dig up the land in protest. **Lough EP!** has more info

Yewell land occupation - people equipped and various are needed for the 400 acre site and Jacobsen estate house, occupied to prevent development from pulling forward any of their development. The site was earmarked for a supermarket, but now everything is up for grabs! Contact 01935 853140 for info

SAVE THE TOWNSTAL VALLEY

In the next few months South Hams District Council are planning to carve out the side of the Torsland Valley near Dartmouth, in South Devon, to create a new road. Once this is completed, South West Water plc will cut another road through the woodland to reach its new sewage treatment works. The wall effectively destroy part of one of the largest hedge woodlands in Britain. Housing and light industrial development will be built, yet there is no local demand. The sewage treatment works and its access road were originally sited in the riverfront where they would cause an environmental damage. Pressure from a handful of sympathisers and influential residents had the plan scrapped. There are plans to catch out the woodland on a grand scale the hedge/green country will probably end up as bag not funding for the development of the valley is severely limited and any delay could play havoc with their plans.

Contact: Jane 01803 832418 Some fluffy birds go along there on 0370 878922

ALF ACTIVITIES

During the early hours of March 9th Animal Liberation Front activists broke into battery units belonging to 'Milk Watch Egg' in Somerset where cages were opened and 113 hens were liberated from these battery cages to be taken to new homes. The same farm has been raided by the ALF on several occasions over the last few years, the last being in September 1996 when 188 hens were rescued.

ANIMAL EXPORTS VIGIL

To mark the 6-month anniversary of the CWF vigil against live animal exports 100 activists staged a protest outside the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food at the end of February. On the steps of MAFF the CWF banner, painted in black ink, read: moved down several hundred 'sheep' with the words 'The highlight of the morning was an appearance by Douglas Hogg who was not impressed with the activists' action, warning his hat at those concerned. The vigil will be continuing until all live exports from the UK come to an end. To take part in the vigil contact Lisa on 0181 740 6825

GATHERING VISIONS

A long evening got together for people fighting for a decent planet! It was all a bit noisy & rather messy and no drinking late into the night but this was a necessary. There were activists who had been doing things for literally decades and that's a real lesson to us in Earth First!, when half of us seemed to be burnt out after 2 or 3 years or so on very big campaigns. Maybe we're living on the pace of the destruction more than previously that there can learn a lot from the time, energy, support and commitment a lot of people activists give much older and how that means they have the ability to keep going. Where is our support network? Where are our affinity groups to give real help when we need it? Blasting up for occasional actions or meetings just isn't enough. Big issues that emerged were how to deal with the media, the value of court or only accountable actions, and the extent to which nonviolence is a tactic or a principle to live. Not many consciousness were reached - we only had a weekend that it was brilliant to get these decisions under way across movements and across generations.

LEVER PARK

Lever Park is set in the rolling Lushington countryside near Wigan and attracts hikers, bikers, chessers and families to its three reservoirs, ponds and Chinese gardens for a non-commercialised day out breathing clean country air. It was set up in 1902 with local people's right to free access understood for all time. However now privately backed by North West Water will remove the right of free access to the Park, give the ground for commercial developments and related car parks and allow the land to be leased off to third parties.

Local opposition is currently successful with original proposals now much watered down but pressure still has to be kept up, this is one that could be won.

Summer will see a spontaneous mass event in the park, for more information Chris Martin on 01942 513792

FAIRMILE COURT NEWS

Devon trials need resolution good court news after an extremely long and arduous case involving 7 kg oil and various accidents took place involving two women being seriously assaulted and one man stretched by his waist on a steel cable and left for over 30 minutes. Of 18 arrests, 7 had charges dropped, 1 was on a caution, 1 had charges dropped, 9 were given a 6 month conditional discharge, and was given a 12 month conditional discharge and nobody had any court costs, evictions costs or fines imposed.

ACTION ALERT FOR ALL EU CAMPAIGNERS

May 9th is the official European Union Day. On May 9th 1958 the French Minister Schuman proposed an agreement between France and Germany for a union of cooperation for the production and consumption of coal and iron. This is an historic day for the European Commission as Schuman's proposal is seen as the commission's foundation.

May 9th has been set aside as an International Day of Action. If you want to be involved or are already involved in the EU related campaign contact:

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Email: Danica@ASSSED.ANTENNA.NL
More information on the web site: <http://www.antenna.nl/assed>

A55 UPDATE

The public enquiry began on Tuesday 18th for the second stage of the scheme at Holywell. This was well attended by a good sized gathering of protesters who made lots of noise, noise, protest, plenty of banners, a dancing dragon! and fire breathing. Several police were called about on arrests were made. A particular highlight of the day was the provision of a free meal - this by Matt MacDonald to take the protest from local villages along the route to the enquiry. This was noticeably missed. Further actions are definitely planned for the near future! More information, donations etc

To: Angus c/o (Alford) 01452 312500 Post 7, Llangaflla LL77 7TD or Gwynedd and Mawr EP

WESTERN CHIPPENHAM BYPASS

This planned development one that will go past

How to Contact the Earth First! Action Update

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Enclose a SAE for reply. Send us your details if you want to subscribe to the free e-mail version

Earth First! Website address: <http://www.earthfirst.org.uk/campaigns/EF/earthfirst.html>

The Fool in the Junnet

by Jay Griffith

They've been fools as at it again. Emerging from a tunnel entrance and abseiling down a cliff face with a party, it was Swampy, coming to Swampy, announcing his intention to stand as the dinkiest MP in the coming election. "By the way, I've got a victory" and comes with T-shirt tie-in, so between the crumples in his (suspiciously clean) T-shirt appear the words "I've got a victory". ... I've got a Churchillian vein, his manifesto (to contest Blackley, near Manchester, against Graham Springer, Chairman of Manchester Airport plc) shows the said Stranger giving a two-finger salute.

The Times and The Independent gave it a big front-page splash yesterday morning [1st April]. The Guardian and the Mail gave it a little drizzle. The Express and Telegraph went big, but were safely indoors on pages 25 and 13 respectively. Tony Blair was dutifully asked for his reaction, Swampy added 'colour', said Mr B, colourlessly. There was a flat-footed response from the Labour Party spokespersons.

But protest is a scene parties of all colours: Conservatives conserve nothing; Labour has no broadly perceived commitment to the environment; Lib Dem promises sounded very hollow when the Lib Dem MP for Newbury supported the bypass. Further, protestors find the whole Westminster politics antipathetic, for theirs is a movement in structure so unlike an organisation, in style so unlike a suit. Protestors - and Swampy more than any - dislike personality politics, and yesterday's stunt was a send-up of politics which too often ignores "the issues" to concentrate on "the face".

It may seem amazing that anyone could take Swampy's manifesto seriously, for this is a movement which is patently against Westminster style politics. But never underestimate the capacity of the press to misunderstand this movement, by mistake in the case of most, and by malice in the case of the Times and the Sunday Times. The idea of Swampy really wanting to stand for Parliament would have been a joke whichever day of the year. The Independent, to its credit, shyly noted that the date was April Fools Day.

What is the point of fools? Historically all "fools days" are intended to reverse the usual order, undermining those who govern, cocking a snook or three at pomp and power. Such days have a cartoon-quality; The Simpsons have done more to damage America's nuclear industry than thousands of petitions. The fools, then, are critics from the margins, tunnelling - appropriately underneath the straight face world of "realpolitik".

The figure of protestor-as-fool is powerful precisely because protestors stay underneath, outside society, out-laws in practice since the Criminal Justice Act, and outlaws in a figurative sense. Outlaws by tradition have to voice their criticisms from outdoors. In the case of the anti-road, anti-airport protestors, they are voicing their criticisms from the outdoors and for the sake of the outdoors.

The protest movement is intrinsically out of tune with Westminster because protestors speak for nature. Government is increasingly an urban affair; London dominates the provinces, city councils dominate rural parishes. To speak "political sense", politicians seem required to speak a very urban language, of economics, taxation, budgets, investment, infrastructure, buildings. To speak of concerns for something as intangible as Nature is to seem to speak like a fool - like a fool of nature.

But protestors are actually speaking for a huge number of people. Membership of environmental groups in Britain totals five million, over twice the number who belong to all parties put together. Yet the democratic system we use doesn't seem to reflect those five million concerns.

Protestors are accused of not being democratic, of inde stopping the ballot box. But many of them are passionately pro-democracy - but for one thing. They want more of it, not less, more participation from voters, more accountability from politicians, more accurate representation of concerns. What they see in parliament is an increasing coalescence of political philosophy, into a puddle of "middle of centre" parties. Middle England's middle of the road. Further, a nation which has effectively disenfranchised thousands of voters - via the poll tax and unelectable voter-cynicism - is not democratic. That the emergence now of a de facto one-party government is not democratic. That a nation ruled for 18 years by a government which the majority did not vote for is not democratic.

Swampy (Mister Hooper, according to the Daily Telegraph) intended to stand for the "Never Mind Ballots" Party. For those who remember the Sex Pistols, it is a skittish and printable way of saying Bollox to Voting. "Democracy", said Swampy, "is more than a vote once every five years. It's about active participation. One act is worth 10,000 words. Let's vote with our feet." Democracy. It isn't. Are you?

If you want to be more involved in organising these actions, or similar ones in the UK, or you want a copy of the *German Action Handbook*, please contact the British contact or the FLAND (Prague International Anti Nuclear Office) office.

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SUPERMARKET ACTIONS AGAINST GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD

Over the last few weeks there have been actions against genetically engineered food at various supermarkets in London and elsewhere. Many people believe that this is where the battle against GE food is to be won, at the supermarket checkout!

The hope is that these actions will spread quickly with various groups around the country organising their own locally and on a regular basis. April 21-27 will be the 'Global Days of Action against GE food and crops' and there are various actions planned throughout the week, with Saturday 26th being the day for supermarket actions. So if you think that you may only want to be able to do one of these supermarket actions try and make it that date.

The action is very simple, both to organise and to carry out. The response from customers is excellent, supermarket staff are caught off guard and quite rightly worried about possible loss of custom. An important thing to remember is that any leaflets you give out should have a section for customers to fill in and hand to supermarket managers there and then, demanding that they legit have the choice whether or not to buy GE food. It is also essential to have contact numbers for more information about GE as well as contacts to get more involved in the campaign against it.

THIS IS HOW IT WORKS

A group of about 10-15 people get together and go shopping. Two others do not go shopping (more if you have muscians), one waiting with a banner inside, outside and one acting as a spotter inside. The 'shoppers' stick their baskets high with any food containing ingredients that would probably have been genetically engineered. That is simple as you just look through lists of ingredients looking for soy or vegetable oil - they are in literally more than 50% of the processed foods on sale. They avoid going in frozen or fresh, damaged food as the supermarket staff may not put it back on shelves later and the thought of a grumpy frozen away and probably organic because of an action doesn't do too well. Once everyone has filled their trolleys and have assembled at a prearranged aisle, they head off in pairs different queues at checkouts, starting to discuss questions as possible. When deciding where on the row of checkouts to group together, keep in mind that it is good to have window access to the outside for anyone videotaping the action, as they are sometimes removed very quickly, and not very gaudy if there are on the inside. There must be arranged in advance as once you are inside it is difficult to communicate without looking suspicious. It doesn't matter that queues move at different speeds, the sheer quantity of your shopping load ensures that everyone will take a long time to be processed and there will come a point when almost everyone is in the process of being checked out at the same time. This is the cue for the spotter to go to get the other(s) waiting outside with the banner (and music). Up until this point the spotter has been sitting quietly behind the checkouts.

The participants now start to ask awkward questions of the checkout staff about the possibility that they are buying GE products. As soon as the banner arrives, participants begin to explain that they are taking part in a protest and are refusing to pay, because the store cannot guarantee that the products are GE free. They leave their trolleys blocking the aisles and with all the food still stacked up it gives them valuable material to start lecturing the people in the queues before going to leaflet as many customers as possible elsewhere in the store. Meanwhile someone else starts a very loud rant to explain to anyone who can hear the reason for the action and the concerns surrounding GE food in general.

The vast majority of both shoppers and staff are very interested and it is surprising just how many people are not angry at being delayed, but positively intent on being allowed to hear what is being said, despite the best efforts of security and management to remove protesters (in our store staff protesters were being charged out the customers and staff were still grabbing leaflets from their hands).

The protest continues outside the supermarket with the banners, muscians and more leafleting. This is where you get the chance to really talk to the customers and urge them to fill in the slips on the leaflets and hand them into the manager.

- * This action will be repeated each Saturday at supermarkets around London.
- * Start actions in your area as soon as possible and as regularly as possible.
- * All you need is a minimum of ten people, including at least one confident ranter, a good photocopied leaflet, a banner or two and a few hours out of your Saturday (or any other day).
- * A photographer and sending a press release to local papers would be useful also.
- * Report back with details of your actions, it is good to keep track of where and when actions have happened. It also encourages others to get involved and inspires those already doing actions to continue.
- * Get this information out to as many people as possible.
- * Apologies if a lot of the above seems obvious. We want to make it as easy as possible for people to get their own actions started and hopefully there will be many people that have never organised an action before getting stuck in. The above are just guidelines for those with little time to prepare.
- * Let your imagination run riot, there are no set rules. Have fun!
- * An added bonus to this action is that there is very little chance of arrest!

THE ACTIONS WERE TAKEN TO:

- a) make more consumers aware that at least 60% of foods on the shelves may contain genetically engineered ingredients,
- b) show that consumers can demand choice from the supermarkets by calling for the labelling of all products containing genetically manipulated ingredients - or even better, to demand that supermarkets refuse to stock products unless they can guarantee that they are GE free
- c) demand that supermarkets put pressure on the food producers to segregate genetically engineered foods such as soya
- d) send a message to growers and the multi-national biotech companies that GM crops are not wanted. If there is no market, farmers will not buy or plant GM seeds

The Genetic Engineering Network (GEN) has been set up to exchange information between the many various groups working on these issues. You can find out more from WEN at: 0171 247 3327. WEN also have leaflets available that are suitable for these actions if you would prefer them to making your own. Text from leaflets used previously are also available from the following email address: rets@gen.npc.org-genetics. If you want to join the London actions or set up your own, call: 0171 561 9146 or the WEN number above, or email at the above address.

What is all the fuss about?

What is Genetic Engineering?

Genetic Engineering (GE) is the transfer of genetic material from one species to another, e.g. from insect to plant, from pig to fish, from human to bacteria. It changes a species into a new form which then has characteristics from an entirely different species. It completely bypasses the natural process of evolution and opens the door to the unknown. A species which has been genetically engineered is known as a transgenic species. At the World Food Summit in Rome, November '96 the Biotech industry said that by using Genetic Engineering they would solve the world's food problems. This is untrue, world hunger is caused by politics not actual lack of food. It is important that we challenge this assumption and question who will gain from GE foods. **WE DON'T NEED THIS TECHNOLOGY** - it supports a chemical-intensive and unsustainable method of farming and is not what could be called progress.

Could you be Eating Genetically Engineered Foods Now?

Yes. Both GE Soya and maize are being used in a processed form. These include bakery goods, chocolate and candy and oils and margarines, coffee creamers, and fizzy drinks, cereals, and baby foods. The maize will also be used in an unprocessed form in meat, poultry and fish feeds. It is very unlikely that your weekly food shop will not include some of these products. The only way to avoid GE foods is to eat products with the UKROFS and Soil Association organic labels. Neither of these organisations will allow GE foods to be labelled with their symbols. (Although one of the problems with GE crops is that they have already crossed with natural crops - so what if an organic farm happens to be neighboured by a farm growing GE crops?)

What effect will genetically engineered food have on the environment? GE plants are likely to increase the use of herbicides and pesticides and to accelerate the evolution of "superweeds" and "superbugs". Risk assessments are limited and have primarily been based on an outdated understanding of gene behaviour.

Are Genetically Engineered foods safe to eat?

Neither supermarkets nor the biotech companies are able to guarantee that GE foods are safe because like everyone else they just don't know. Genetic engineering will add further new ingredients to our food which have never previously been part of our diet. The development of weed killer resistant crops will increase the use of these chemicals and hence the residues on our food. These GE advantages to our diet have already caused some people to have allergic reactions and the long term effects on us all are unknown.

Will genetically engineered foods be labelled?

No. This is because supermarkets do not know which US says is GE free as US based, multi-national corporations and the international grain trade have deliberately refused to separate the GE crops from the normal crops. They know that if they segregate they will not be able to sell the GE crops, as all over Europe consumers are now saying NO to GE food. So until supermarkets start demanding segregation there can be no labelling. This is where we as consumers come in - the only way that supermarkets will demand segregation is if we put pressure on them to do so.

If we don't stop GE food now what next?

Already there are many GE foods in the pipeline including apples, barley, rice, strawberries, lettuce, melons, salmon, strawberries, tobacco, wheat, potatoes, sugar cane, peppers, wheat, beans, sunflowers,



If you would like more information about the campaign against genetically engineered food there are many groups and individuals working together on it.

Below are just a couple of the available contact numbers

Women's Environmental Network (WEN): 0171 247 3327 or 071 0171 561 9145

We must act now and say NO to the multi-national biotech companies before the market is flooded with GE foods.
We as consumers have the right to safe food.

Today's action is being taken to:

- make more consumers aware that at least 60% of foods on the shelves may contain genetically engineered ingredients
- show that consumers can demand that supermarkets refuse to stock products unless producers can guarantee that they are free of GE ingredients.
- send a message to growers and the multi-national biotech companies that GE crops are not wanted. If there is no market, farmers will not buy or plant GE seeds.

If you do not want to be part of this GE experiment fill in the slip below and hand it in to the manager of your local supermarket.

To the supermarket manager from a concerned customer.

The unknown risks to human health and the environment from genetically engineered are too high I do not want to be subject to genetically engineered food.
I demand a guarantee that my food has not been genetically engineered.

Signed _____

Address _____

